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SUBJECT: EVALUATION OF SPRING CAMPAIGN AND ASSESSMENT OF
FUTURE REQUIREMENTS

REF: MEXICO 8693, OCT. 10, 1974

1. REFTTEL REFERS TO VANCE-OJEDA CONVERSATION REGARDING,
INTER ALIA, ASSESSMENT OF SEAM/75. AT THAT TIME OJEDA
SUGGESTED THAT MARCH WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TIME FOR
SUBJECT ASSESSMENT. UNLESS EMBASSY HAS OBJECTIONS,
DEPARTMENT ENVISAGES THIS ASSESSMENT AND PLANNING
EXERCISE BE CONDUCTED ALONG SAME LINES AS JOINT EFFORT
IN AUGUST OF 1974, ALTHOUGH WITH SMALLER US DELEGATION.
PURPOSE WOULD BE TO JOINTLY REVIEW SUCCESSES AND FAILURES
AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW USG ASSISTANCE CAN
FURTHER ENHANCE GOM CAPABILITIES TO DEAL WITH OPIUM
PRODUCTION. AFTER JOINT TEAM ASSESSMENT, RECOMMENDATION
WILL BE REVIEWED BY APPROPRIATE USG AND GOM AGENCIES,
THEN AMBASSADOR VANCE WILL TRAVEL TO MEXICO ON OR ABOUT
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APRIL 14, FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH MEXICAN ATTORNEY GENERAL.

DEPARTMENT WILL ALSO BE IN CONTACT WITH DEA TO EXPLORE
POSSIBLE JOINT VANCE-BARTELS TRIP.

2. IF IT IS DETERMINED THAT ADDITIONAL USG ASSISTANCE
IS WARRANTED, DEPARTMENT WOULD STRONGLY WISH TO MOVE
FORWARD ASAP THIS FISCAL YEAR. GIVEN TIME IT TAKES TO

MOVE FROM ACCORD ON DESIRABILITY OF ASSISTANCE TO FORMAL
AGREEMENT BY EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE
ASSESSMENT DESCRIBED ABOVE TO TAKE PLACE AT AN EARLY DATE.
THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO PROPOSE TO ATTORNEY GENERAL
THAT USG TEAM TRAVEL TO MEXICO CITY AND COMMENCE DISCUS-
SIONS WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE ON MARCH 17.

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